

Hargis Murder Draws Breathitt County to Scene

27 MURDERED IN HARGIS FEUD

Buck Combs, nephew of Cockrell, shot by Thomas Sewall.
Judge Caswell, wounded by Thomas Sewall.
Thomas Dunbar, a Cockrell, killed by Thomas Sewall.
Deat Sewall, half brother of Hargis, shot in back.
Jerry South, supposed murderer of Sewall, killed at picnic brawl.
John Tied Hargis, killed on train; Jerry Cardwell, convicted and pardoned.
Ben Hargis, killed by Thomas Cockrell, brother-in-law of Cardwell, pardoned.
Dr. D. L. Cox, guardian for Cockrell boys, shot by assassins.
James Cockrell, town marshal, shot from courthouse by Curt Jett.
James B. Marcum, shot from courthouse by Curt Jett.
Henry Barnett, a Cockrell, killed by Elbert Hargis.
Sally Hayes, witness of Barnett murder, shot and killed by John G. Hargis.
John G. Hargis, killed by Jerry Cardwell.
Charles Everett, a Cockrell, shot by Benjamin Hargis.
Samuel Lenzford, Tom Cockrell's brother-in-law, shot by Benjamin Hargis.
James Smith, who married a Cockrell, shot by James Hargis.
John Cockrell, killed, supposedly by Curt Jett.
A. F. Bullock, Hargis sympathizer, killed in general fight.
Ben Davis, killed by Thomas Cockrell.
Elkahan Smith, Hargis man, killed in fight with Bud Bohannan.
Willis Gabbard, a Cockrell, killed from ambush.
Bud Bohannan, killed in fight by Joe Haddix.
Granville Parter, Cockrell man, killed; George Barnett, Jr., tried and acquitted.
Susan Barnett, George's wife, killed and thrown in river.
Hiram Miller and Reuben Landrum, killed each other in fight.
J. W. Noble and Irving Newgate, Hargis clan, killed, it is alleged, by Noble boys.
George Smith, killed, it is said, by Hargis' cousin, Charles Byrd.
Dan Hays, a Hargis man, killed by Wes Cox with an ax.

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spot where his father was talking to a clerk and a customer. Judge Hargis walked forward to meet him and said something to him. No one but Beecher heard the words.
Beecher hurried his overcoat, which he carried in his arm, into his father's face, and whipped out a Colt's revolver. Without hesitation the drunken son began firing, nor stopped until five deadly missiles had been fired. Four entered Hargis' body.
He fell to the floor. "I'm killed," was all the dying man said. Then he was as dead as many of his victims—"with his boots on."
Deputy Sheriff Smith, assisted by Glover Hanton, rushed in. Beecher stood over his father's body. He fought like a mad man as they sought to arrest him, and he had to be dragged to jail.
James Hargis evidently anticipated death, for a few days ago when he went to Louisville with his goods, he picked out a \$150 coffin, which he ordered the undertaker to hold in readiness and ship to him as soon as he died. The coffin is here, and today the leader of the feud lies in it.

Breathitt And Land's Bloody Czar

JACKSON, Ky., Feb. 7.—Last night a rider made his way up Hell-for-Sartin creek through the darkness. His horse stumbled over the boulders. Now and then he drew up at a safe distance from some mountain shack, huddled in the shadows of the pines. As he called, the door opened silently. No light was shown, but the man of the cabin stepped silently out, his Winchester over his arm, ready for what might come.
"Judge Jim Hargis was killed today by

VITAL RECORDS

Births.

Charles W. and Maud Tenney, girl.
Harold and Edith Tomlin, boy.
Vassie E. and Linnie A. Strickler, boy.
Charles and Mary Selby, girl twins.
Gustave F. and Ellen Sager, girl.
Ellas N. and Kerney Souri, boy.
Natele and Blaga Mangano, boy.
Peter and Carrie Croniger, girl.
Nunzio and Catarina Picarra, girl.
William C. and Marie C. Ehlers, boy.
Edward H. and Emma G. Eaton, girl.
Harry and Mary Davidson, girl.
Giovanni and Angelina Clani, girl.

Marriage Licenses.

Augusta Butler and Mary E. Bell.
Walter L. Lloyd and Lellon Roach, both of Summerset, Va.
Lorenzo Terrell and Martha P. Vall.
Norman Perry and Mary V. Pritter, both of Stafford, Va.
George W. Proctor and Bertha V. Crumpton.
Cain H. Slaughter and Dora King.
Abraham Hays and Lena Katz.
Henry R. Lemerise, of this city, and Annie L. Furr, of Alexandria, Va.
Walter Owens, of Haymarket, Va., and Elizabeth J. Lynn, of Broad Run, Va.
Bernard W. Cleveland, of Mt. Rainier, Md., and Margaret E. Flaherty, of Manassas, Va.

Deaths.

Margaret P. Hanna, 81 years, 700 Twentieth street northwest.
Irvin J. Jameson, 2 years, 227 Fourteenth street northeast.
John E. Frances, 72 years, 140 Hickman street.
Ronie Foster, 26 years, 1535 Wiltberger street northwest.
Mary E. Wilbert, 75 years, 611 Massachusetts avenue northwest.
George T. Dunlop, 62 years, 2103 Q street northwest.
Magdalena C. Reh, 58 years, 320 Twelfth street northwest.
Elizabeth M. Gorman, 61 years, 710 Fifth street northeast.
Lewis Terry, 64 years, 131 C street northeast.
Margaret Blondell, 75 years, 215 Ninth street southeast.

his son, Beecher," was the low-voiced word of the messenger.
The man of the cabin turned silently, to take the good news to his wife. The Paul Revere of the mountains clucked to his horse, and rode on, carrying the news that peace had come to a troubled country.

Blamed for Twenty Murders.

For at "Jim" Hargis' door twenty cold-blooded murders have been laid. Judge of the court of Breathitt county, Kentucky, the head of a party of assassins, the political boss of his section of the State, the richest man in his locality, he was unassailable by the law. It seemed justice alone that reached him through a drunken son, because money to carry on his dissipation had been refused.

Beecher Hargis, murderer of his father, has lived for twenty years in an atmosphere of blood and bribery, and slaughter. A man's life seemed to him of no more consequence than a beast's, and if he were to talk he'd tell you that "the law's done run out on dad, anyhow."

No one could appreciate the conditions which existed at Jackson during the twenty years of Hargis' reign, unless one had personal experience. A little, mean, slovenly town, it is built upon a sandhill, half circled by the Kentucky River. At the top of the hill is the court house, a two-story building of brick and an open hallway runs through the lower floor.

Sheathed His Knife With Iron.

Just across from the court house is Judge Jim Hargis' country store, headquarters for all the Hargis clan, by turn an emporium and a fort. In the rear of the store is the Hargis home, iron sheathed, they say, scarred by the hundreds of bullets that have been fired into it during the years of the feud. Half a dozen other buildings are scattered about the principal street of the town, but the court house and the Hargis store, twin citadels of the most ruthless gang that ever dominated a Kentucky county, rise above them all.

Justice Hargis had rather a fascinating personality. Big, strong, indomitable, he fought as his forefathers, in ambush and in darkness. He only made this contest to the spirit of the present day, that he denied his responsibility for the score of murders that have been charged to him.
When the fact is realized that in a single year there were thirty murders in Breathitt county alone, a small, thinly populated, isolated mountain country, and that at least twenty of these murders were chargeable, directly or indirectly, to the Hargis clan; and that the popular estimation Judge Jim Hargis had issued the order for every one, the manner in which he ruled may be realized.

He was an absolute in his power as is the czar in Russia. As long as his men

the outer world knew little of it.

Answer to Widow's Prayer.

Years ago the prayer of a grief-stricken woman that heaven should bring to justice the man acquitted of her husband's murder, had its echo yesterday, when former Judge Hargis was deliberately shot by his only son. Hargis had been tried for many murders, and acquitted of each. In 1903 he was accused of the Marcum murder, and set free the best-brothered widow of the murdered man sobbed out her prayer for vengeance apparently little knowing the ghostly channels through which it would be wrought.
Six years ago the little county of Breathitt, Kentucky, was a peaceful and fertile mountain country, and the people had had their misadventures, and had even fought them out, but the elements of tragedy played no part in these little encounters until, in 1901, when a political machine was formed with James Hargis, the man murdered by his son, as its moving spirit.

There were four brothers in the Hargis family, James, Elbert, Robert, and Benjamin. They conducted a store, and were widely known throughout the community. Their influence was strong, and, to a certain extent, they were a power in the community. So when James Hargis appeared as the Democratic candidate for county judge, and he found that he was strongly opposed by Tom and James Cockrell, there was bad blood. This feeling increased when the election was held, and James Hargis, as sheriff, was questioned on charges of fraud. The community immediately divided into two factions, and what resulted in the celebrated and bloody Hargis-Cockrell feud was laid.

Hargis Blood Spilled First.

The first tragedy came when one of the Hargis brothers was killed in a fight, growing out of the political feud, by Jerry Cardwell. Shortly afterward Tom Cockrell, Cardwell's nephew, met Benjamin Hargis in a saloon and a quarrel ensued between them. Cockrell killed Hargis after he had been wounded by the latter. Young Cockrell, realizing that the community was getting to be unsafe for peaceful citizens, took himself off to Mexico, only recently returning to his home, the feud having pretty well died out.
The death of the two Hargis brothers at the hands of the Cockrell element drew the lines even more taut, and the lives of those on both sides were in danger of being snuffed out at the earliest and most convenient moment.
Dr. B. D. Cox, guardian of Tom Cockrell and the late brother, Jim, was called from his office one night in May, 1902, to a patient. As he returned home he was shot dead. John Abner and John Smith were arrested for the crime and later confessed that they had been hired by James Hargis to kill Cox.

Shot From Court House.

Jim Cockrell, brother of Tom, and Marcum were the next men on the Hargis faction's list. Jim Cockrell was shot from the windows of the court house by Curt Jett, John Smith, and John Abner by direction of Hargis and his lieutenants. Cockrell did not die instantly, but was removed to a hospital in Lexington, where he expired.

Let Common Sense decide.

If the little sharp aches, the shortness of breath, the dull mental condition, disappear when coffee is discontinued, there's no need of any argument.

Then when all the functions begin to run smoothly, nerves steady, brain clear, appetite natural as a result of drinking Postum in place of the drug-bearing coffee, common sense will decide where comfort is.

"There's a Reason."



JAMES COCKRELL.
DR. B. D. COX,
Slain by Hargis Clan in Breathitt County Feud.

the bad graces of the Hargis faction by defending Tom Cockrell for the murder of Benjamin Hargis, was standing on the steps of the court house in Jackson on the morning of May 4, 1902, when he was shot down from the street by Curt Jett, who, not content with firing at long distance, went up and fired another shot through Marcum's head after the latter had fallen. Jett and "Tom" White are now serving life sentences for their part in various murders through the county.
Many of these murders were laid at the door of James Hargis, and he was tried for those of Marcum, Cox, and Jim Cockrell, and was acquitted of each in the face of the most damaging testimony.
The answer to the plea of Marcum's wife for vengeance on the murderer of her husband has come.

TODAY'S CALLERS AT WHITE HOUSE

Senators—Burrows of Michigan.
Warren of Wyoming.
Smoot of Utah.
Scott of West Virginia.
Representatives—Nye of Minnesota.
Foster of Vermont.
Malby of New York.
Kalin of California.
Overstreet of Indiana.
Gardner of Massachusetts.
Diekema of Michigan.
First Assistant Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock.
Col John S. Mosby.

Died

COLLINS—On Thursday, February 6, 1908, at his residence, 621 I street northwest, J. EDWARD COLLINS.
Funeral private. Feb-7
MCLAUGHLIN—On Thursday, February 6, 1908, at 1223 Fourteenth street northwest, EMMA, widow of the late Lieut. James B. McLaughlin, at 10:30 a. m.
Funeral at 1223 Fourteenth street northwest, at 2 o'clock Saturday, February 7.
KNIGHT—On Thursday morning, February 6, 1908, at Panwood, N. J., OCTAVIUS KNIGHT, aged seventy-seven years, formerly of Washington, D. C.
Funeral services Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church, John Marshall place. Interment at Oak Hill.
DOOLITTLE—On Thursday, February 6, 1908, at 2 a. m., at the age of seventy-five years, LUCY SALISBURY, beloved wife of Myrick H. Doolittle.
The funeral will be at Linden, Montgomery county, Md., at 1:30 p. m., Saturday, February 8. Interment private. Feb-7
GORMAN—On Wednesday, February 5, 1908, at 613 P street, ELIZABETH M., widow of Edward M. Gorman.
Funeral from her late residence, 710 4th street northeast, on Saturday, February 7, at 3:30 a. m. Requiem mass at St. Aloysius' Church at 9 o'clock. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Feb-7

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Member of Citizens' Association Says Dolliver School Measure Was Opposed.

In a letter to The Times, regarding the action of the North Washington Citizens' Association, Monday night, in adopting a resolution favoring the Dolliver school bill, George Topham, who is a member of the association, says that the resolution did not receive the unanimous support of the association. He adds:
"After the favorable report of the committee on schools was read and a motion made and seconded to adopt it, there was a vigorous protest against the adoption of the report in that it was thought the public school question should be left alone until the Board of Education should have had a fair chance, which they did not have under the superintendency of Dr. Chancellor."
"The point was made, that approval of the report of the committee at this time would be reversing the action taken at our previous meeting in approving the Board of Education, and the appointment of Prof. Stuart as superintendent."
At the close of the address of protest, there was considerable applause from a number of the members present, showing an unusual occurrence, and a strong sentiment against the Dolliver bill at all.

Out of 30 members of the association only about fifty were present, and only thirty-three voted, twenty-one in favor of the adoption of the report of the school committee, and twelve against it."

HAD SPLINTER 22 YEARS: JUST REMOVED FROM MAN

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Feb. 7.—Henry Walker, of Emmaus, underwent an operation at his home, and a splinter nearly three inches long was removed from his abdomen.
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RAIL ROAD INQUIRY REQUIRES \$750,000

Interstate Commission to Urge Congress for Larger Appropriation.

The Interstate Commerce Commission wants about \$750,000 with which to carry on the work of investigating the accounts and financial methods of the railroads. Whether it will be granted by Congress depends on the general disposition of that body toward advanced legislation.
If the appropriation is made, there is no doubt about the commission proceeding at once to perfect the system of supervision of accounts of railroads, provided for under section 20 of the Hepburn bill. The commission's department of accounts and statistics has been at work for a year and a half perfecting a scheme of accounting, and this week is expected to see the practical consummation of the task. Prof. Henry C. Adams, statistician to the commission, has the committee of twenty-five of the American Railway Accountants' Society in Washington working on the last schedule, which will be issued as instructions to the railroad accounting departments as soon as they are perfected. This committee has been meeting at intervals—some of them short—for twenty months, working on these schedules.

In order to put into effect the scheme of complete supervision and uniformity of accounts it is necessary that the Government have means of conducting investigations of the accounts of railroads, and to this end it has been proposed to put at work about 22 skilled accountants. Money for this purpose must be provided by Congress. There was supposed to be a small chance to secure it until the President sent to Congress his recent message. Since then the situation has looked more cheerful, and the friends of the commission are getting ready to press the demand for this appropriation.

SMALL FIRE EXTINGUISHED.

A small fire in the home of B. T. Lucas, 522 Florida avenue northwest, caused \$50 damage, 10th morning. The prompt arrival of the Fire Department prevented further damage. A curtain in the bathroom window coming in contact with the gas jet was the cause of the blaze.

RECTOR OF UNIVERSITY WILL BE MADE BISHOP

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Schools and Colleges.

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